

DECLARATION  
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As a below named inventor, I declare that my residence, post office address and citizenship are stated below next to my name, the information given herein is true, that I believe that I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed at 201 below), or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural inventors are named below at 201-203, or on additional sheets attached hereto) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which patent is sought on the invention entitled:

ON-LINE BENCHMARKING SYSTEM AND MEHTOD

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which is described and claimed in:

PCT International Application No. \_\_\_\_\_ filed \_\_\_\_\_  
 the attached specification  
 the specification in application Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_ filed \_\_\_\_\_

(if applicable) and amended on \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, §119 (a)-(d) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any prior application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

Prior Foreign Application(s)

(Number)

(Country)

(Day/Month/Year Filed)

Priority Claimed

Yes  No

Yes  No

Yes  No

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I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below:

Application No. \_\_\_\_\_

Filing Date \_\_\_\_\_

Application No. \_\_\_\_\_

Filing Date \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, §112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56 which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

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(Filing Date)

(Status: patented, pending, abandoned)

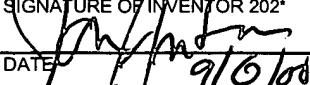
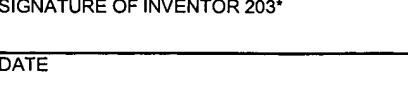
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**SMALL ENTITY DECLARATION**  
[37 CFR 1.9(c-f)]

Each undersigned declares that:

(1)  the application attached hereto.

(2)  U.S. Application Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_, filed \_\_\_\_\_

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is entitled to the benefits of "small entity" status for paying reduced fees under 35 USC 41(a) and (b) to the Patent and Trademark Office by virtue of the following:

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(5)  The undersigned declares that he/she is an official empowered to act on behalf of the concern identified below; that concern qualifies as a small business concern as defined in 37 CFR 1.9(d); that exclusive rights to the invention have been conveyed to and remain with the small business concern, or if the rights are not exclusive, that all other rights belong to small entities as defined in 37 CFR 1.9.

(6)  The undersigned declares that he/she is an official empowered to act on behalf of the organization identified below; that organization qualifies as a nonprofit organization as defined in

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[a separate declaration is required from each named person, concern or organization having rights to this invention averring to their status as "small entities."]

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